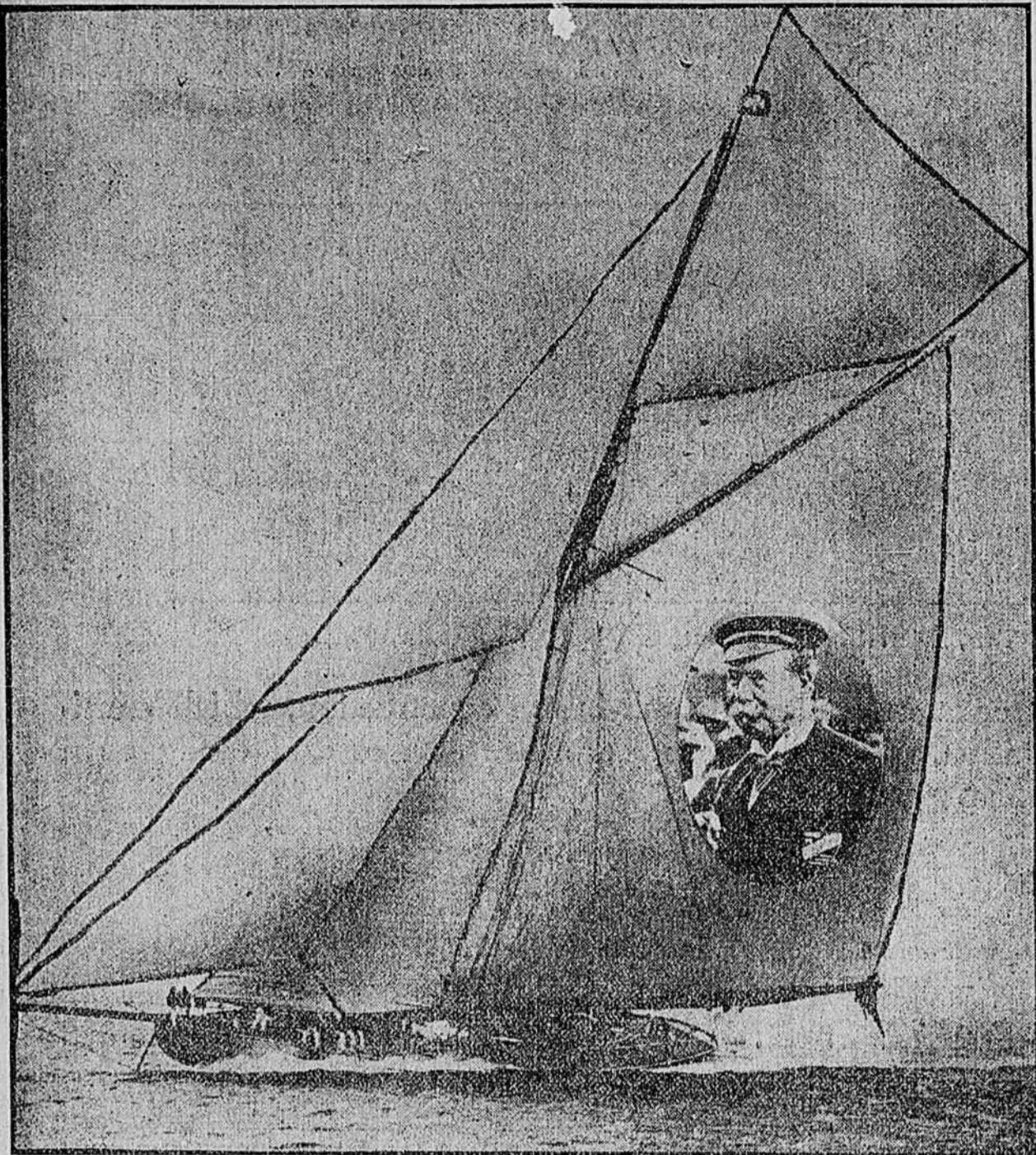


Amateur Ball Players Preparing Now for Opening of Season

SIR THOMAS LIPTON AND HIS YACHT



Sir Thomas has just challenged for another chance to lift the America's cup.

AMATEUR BASEBALL IS GAINING FRIENDS

By JOHN R. HOOPER, JR.

After being panned up during the winter months the amateurs yesterday were welcomed by old "Sod" with open arms, and the youngsters did not fail to avail themselves of the glorious opportunity to get out upon the green and stretch every limb and give vent to all of the pent-up enthusiasm that has been accumulating within their poor bodies for the winter months just past.

Byrd Park yesterday was a sight to make the hearts of the lovers of outdoor sports glad. Every available space was taken by youngsters with ball, bat and mitt. They were all there, losing up their joints for the coming season.

Woodall & Charles, of the Old Dominion League, were the most prominent on the

park, having two teams on the ground, these teams playing a regular nine-inning game, which resulted in a score of 3 to 1 in favor of the Yammigans of the Counter Hoppers.

The Richmond Grays had a bunch of players on the field getting down to business, and these youngsters showed that they were mighty strong and were going after the honors of the State of Virginia with all their strength.

Speaking of the championship of the State, this is quite a new idea among the amateurs, and one that is well thought of. Although plans have not been completed, it is an assured fact that there will be a series of games between the amateurs of Richmond, Petersburg, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Danville, Norfolk and Newport News for this coveted prize, the winners of these

honors will be the ones to participate in the series at the close of the season, which, if present plans carry, will include Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, and probably some of the other large Eastern cities.

The boys of Richmond have been mighty slow in their preparations for the coming season, but are beginning to wake up with the first warm days, and several meetings are scheduled for the coming week.

The Richmond League will meet Tuesday night, the Henrico League, a new league, will meet Wednesday night, and the Parkers' League will meet Thursday night. All of these meetings will be held in the office of the secretary of the commission.

The rat contracts of the season were received yesterday by the commission, and the secretary requests that the managers will get busy and send in their contracts at once and relieve the secretary of the heavy work of receiving all contracts at the last minute.

The Burton Heights team, the new member of the Capital City League, claim that they will certainly land in the first division this year, and will make somebody hustle for first honors. These boys have a very strong bunch of youngsters, and with such men as Birch, Pitt, Rose, Gordon and

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Growth they have a bunch that look mighty good on paper. These boys played some mighty fast ball last year, and will have to be reckoned with before the season is over.

Ashead, of the Capital City League, reports that they are having trouble with Player Kandler, the clever little infielder. Kandler gave the commission considerable trouble last season, and had better be particular how he behaves himself this year if he wants to play baseball and be one of the boys in good standing.

The official bulletin of the secretary of the commission up to 7 o'clock Saturday is as follows:

Contracts with the Bettin Ass. Capital City League: William Hay, Irvin Green, W. T. Rody, Charles M. Schmidt, W. L. Whitfield and J. T. Whitfield and Robert Bauer, Tyler, Old Dominion League, releases Simpson.

VETERAN GIVES SAGE ADVICE TO BILLIARDISTS

By J. L. MALONE.

Many times have I been asked the question: Can billiards be taught? Billiards, of all games, is undoubtedly

the more difficult to learn, a fact plainly shown by the scarcity of good players, yet it may be said that it is only in the past few years that methods of teaching have been arrived at which enable a tutor to put his pupils on the right track.

The argument that billiards combines more excellencies than any other game is unanswerable. It is a mathematical game, and affords scope and exercise for those faculties which discipline and strengthen the mind. A steady hand, a clear head, quick perception and an easy wrist stroke are the requisites for a first-class player. Getting your stroke is the main thing. That is acquired after the first half-hour's play. It is a great mistake with many players when at the beginning of the game they change cues, find fault with the material, when, as a matter of fact, they have not played long enough to acquire their stroke. This is true in baseball and other games, and the wise managers send their men out for fifteen minutes' practice before the game.

It might be well to call the reader's attention to another disagreeable fault with some players: It is indulging in ridiculous contortions of the body in following the progress of their ball. A moment's thought would convince players having this habit that such exercises have no effect whatever on the ball.

That the beginner may, in the absence of a teacher, be set right on vital points of the game, I will offer the following suggestions:

Use a heavy cue. Hold it eight or ten inches from the end. Make a short

bridge and shoot through the fingers. The old idea of having the cue point ten or twelve inches from the cue ball has been discarded. No one can play well if the cue teeters.

Don't get on the table; use the bridge, or, better still, learn to play left-handed. The use of the left hand in playing billiards should be cultivated from the start. Play a half follow instead of a fine shot. Better position will result from the former.

Don't kick after making a miscue; it is your fault; you should chalk before the shot, not after.

Get set before a hard shot and feint five or six times before delivering the stroke.

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Lynchburg Wants Charter.

Lynchburg, Va., March 8.—Formal application was sent to Richmond today for a charter for the association to back a team here in the United States League. H. C. Boyer, of Reading, Pa., who is to finance the team, is president. The capital stock is to be limited to \$10,000, with a minimum of \$5,000.

A committee of fans are endeavoring to raise \$2,000 by the sale of season tickets for the league, and there seems

to be no doubt that this effort will be successful.

Lynchburg will certainly be in the league if President Witman can line-up his other teams.

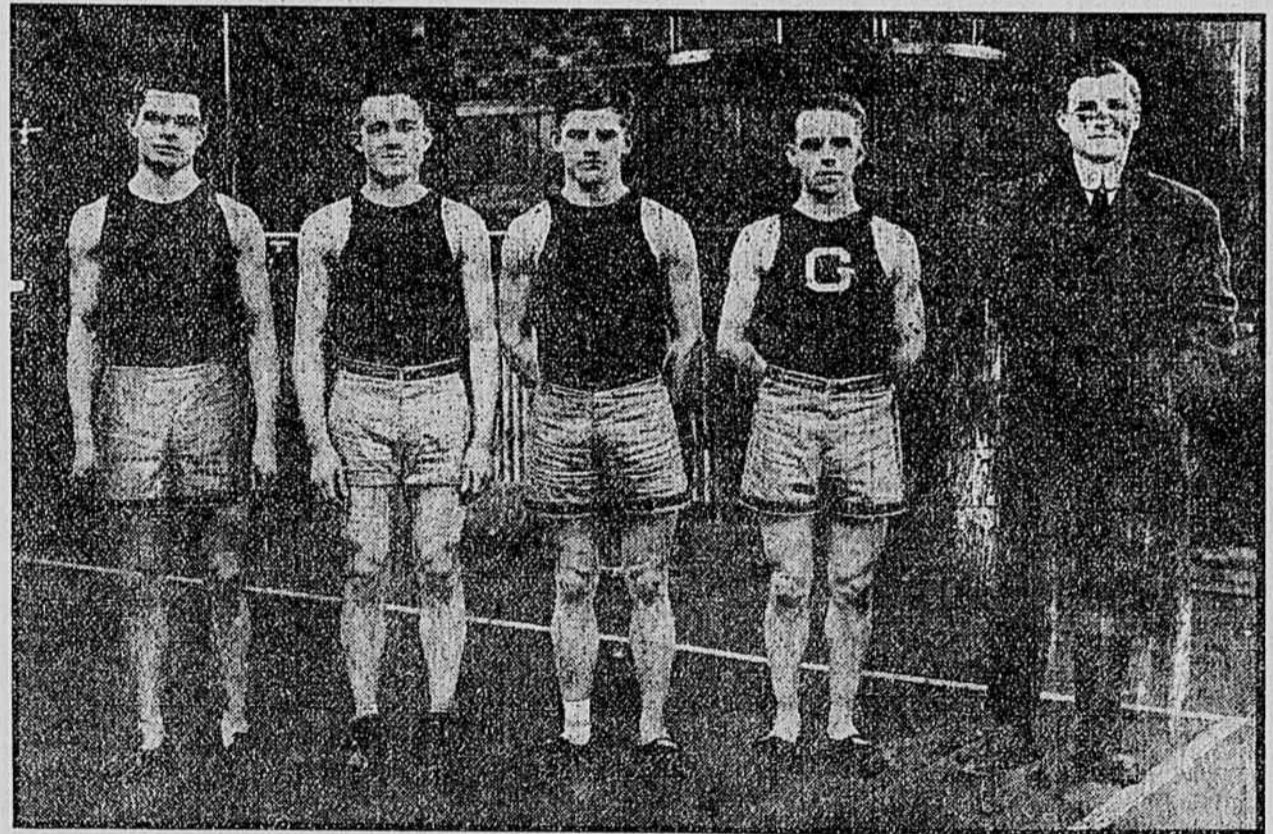
COLORED AMATEURS FORM B. B. LEAGUE

Teams in the Colored Amateur League have been selected, and a meeting will be held some time next week, each team being notified as to the exact date. Another league may be formed later on, but one league is certain. Those interested in the movement will be called upon to assist as much as possible. There are six teams already, and there probably will be eight before the season opens. For information phone Monroe 312.

Basketball Teams Entertained.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Fredericksburg, Va., March 8.—Professor E. F. Birkhead, Jr., superintendent of the public schools of this city, besides filling his position with great efficiency in a general way, also takes great interest in athletics. Last night he entertained the two basketball teams of the high school, the boys' team and the girls' team, at an oyster supper at the Enterprise Hotel, which was highly enjoyed by all present. Those present, in addition to the host, were Misses Margaret Saccy, Theresa Dannehl, Dorothy Freeman, Florence Smith, Nellie Purks, Ruth Clark, Mamie Biscoe and Miss Hayden, coach; Wirt Sale, Reginald Rowe, Fred Jones, George Rawlings, Emmet Saccy, Horace Cole, Fred Thomas and W. B. Cole, coach.

GEORGETOWN'S RELAY TEAM



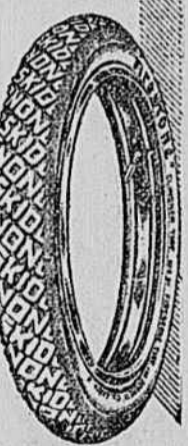
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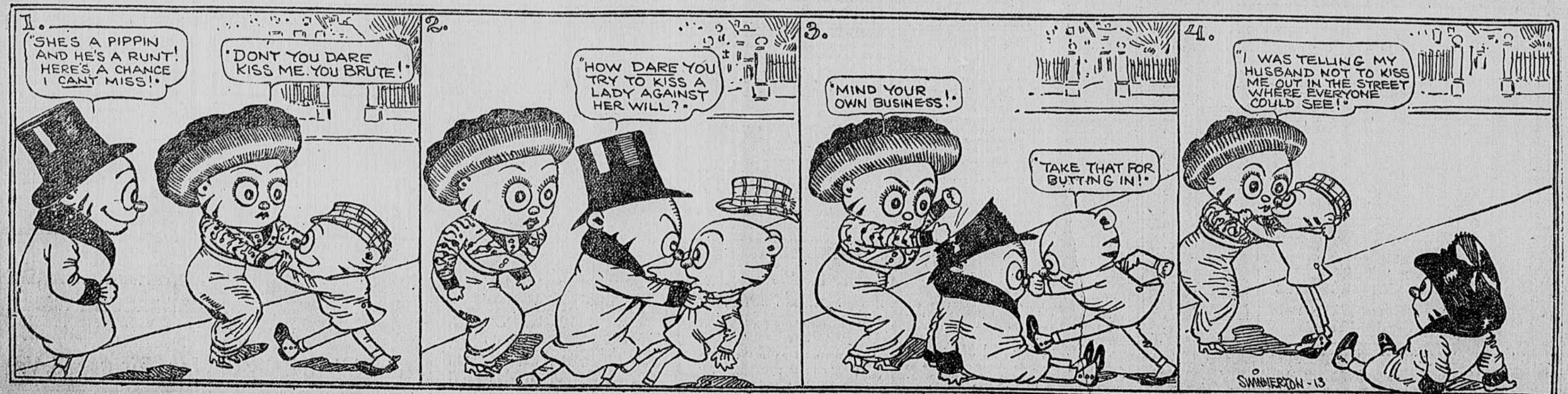
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